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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 4, 2002

APPLICATION OF

SPHERA OPTICAL NETWORKS
(VIRGINIA) N.A., INC.

CASE NO. PUC-2002-00162

For cancellation of certificates of
public convenience and necessity

ORDER

By Order dated February 5, 2001, in Case No. PUC-2000-00256, the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") issued certificates of public convenience and necessity No. T-539, permitting the provision of local exchange telecommunications services, and No. TT-134A, permitting the provision of interexchange telecommunications services, to Sphera Optical Networks (Virginia) N.A., Inc. ("Sphera" or "Company").

By letter application filed on August 12, 2002, with the Commission, the Company requested the cancellation of its certificates of public convenience and necessity. Sphera advised that it has filed for bankruptcy protection due to adverse conditions in the telecommunications industry. The Company does not currently provide telecommunications services to any customers in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

NOW THE COMMISSION, being sufficiently advised, will cancel Certificate Nos. T-539 and TT-134A issued in the above-referenced case.

Accordingly, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter shall be docketed and assigned Case No. PUC-2002-00162.

(2) Certificate Nos. T-539 and TT-134A issued to Sphera Optical Networks (Virginia) N.A., Inc., are hereby cancelled.

(3) This matter is dismissed.